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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim*** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugawara (US 2002/0019848 A1) in view of Sakao et al. (US 7188068 B1).

Regarding Claim 1, Sugawara'848 shows a data transmission apparatus (i.e., image communication apparatus. See Paragraphs 8) comprising: a sender which sends an e-mail and a request for a return confirmation of receipt of the e-mail to a destination (i.e., an email is sent requesting an email/confirmation containing the transmitting information. See Paragraphs 8 and 69); a receiver which receives the confirmation of receipt from the destination (i.e., a confirmation email can be sent and received. See Paragraphs 8, 72 and 93-97); and a controller which issues a transmission management report (i.e., communication management report for a plurality of users and transmissions. See Paragraphs 203-213 and also see Figure1, elements 1-5-3 and Figure 19),

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describing result of transmission for a plurality of transmissions in the transmission management report (i.e., confirmation with **transmission information/report is sent every time a transmission report is updated is outputted. See Paragraphs 203-213 also see Figures 19), wherein said** controller describes in the transmission management report a transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain when the transmission management report is issued (i.e., **the confirmation/report describes the status of the transmissions, also reports errors. See Paragraphs 8, 97, 111 and 203-216 also See Figure 5, 19-24).**

Sugawara'848 (although shows issuing the transmission report) fails to specifically show a controller which issues a transmission management report at predetermined timings, describing a result of transmission for a plurality of transmissions in the transmission management report.

Sakao'068 teaches a network facsimile apparatus which issues a transmission management report at predetermined timings (i.e., every time an update is made to a download/transmission record this information is stored and transmission of this record can be done at predetermined timings. See Paragraphs 9-11, 17, 22, 30-32, 60 and 73 also See Figures 5-6 and 10).

Having the system of Sugawara'848 and then given the well-established teaching of the Sakao'068, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the system as suggested by the combination of Sugawara'848 with the teachings of Sakao'068, by letting the user to predetermine timings where the management reports are

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issued to improve the users convenience and prevent duplication of information and lack of information record as by having accurate and up to date management reports.

Regarding Claim 2, Sugawara'848 discloses the data transmission apparatus, wherein the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain include a transmission or transmissions on which the confirmation of result of transmission had not been received and a predetermined wait time had not elapsed when the transmission management report is issued (i.e., **the confirmation/report describes the status of the transmissions, also reports errors ((errors and other status are described)). See Paragraphs 8, 97, 111 and 203-216 also See Figures 5, 19-24).**

Regarding Claim 3, Sugawara'848 discloses the data transmission apparatus wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report that the result of transmission is uncertain for the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain (i.e., **the confirmation/report describes the status of the transmissions. See Paragraphs 111,118 and 203-216 See Figures 5 and 19-24).**

Regarding Claim 4, Sugawara'848 discloses a data transmission apparatus, wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report the transmission or transmissions on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is Uncertain (i.e., **the confirmation/report describes the status of the transmissions. See Paragraphs 111,118 and 203-216 See Figures 5 and 19-24).**

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Regarding Claim 5, Sugawara'848 discloses a data transmission apparatus, wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report that the result of transmission is certain if the result of transmission becomes certain for the transmission or transmissions, on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is uncertain, when the transmission management report is issued (i.e., the confirmation/report describes the status of the transmissions, statuses that are shown are failed, Delayed, delivered, relayed, broadcasted, etc. See Paragraphs 111,118 and 203-216 See Figures 5 and 19-24.

Regarding Claims 6, Sugawara'848 discloses a data transmission apparatus, wherein the request of returning confirmation of receipt is based on an MDN (i.e., See Figs. 3-4 and Paragraphs 6 and 69).

With regards to method Claim 7, the limitation of the claim 7 are corrected by limitation of claim 1 above. The steps of claim 7 read into the function step of claim 1.

With regards to method Claim 8, the limitation of the claim 8 are corrected by limitation of claim 2 above. The steps of claim 8 read into the function step of claim 2.

With regards to method Claim 9, the limitation of the claim 9 are corrected by limitation of claim 3 above. The steps of claim 9 read into the function step of claim 3.

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With regards to method Claim 10, the limitation of the claim 10 are corrected by limitation of claim 4 above. The steps of claim 10 read into the function step of claim 4.

With regards to method Claim 11, the limitation of the claim 11 are corrected by limitation of claim 5 above. The steps of claim 11 read into the function step of claim 5.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IRIANA CRUZ whose telephone number is

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(571)270-3246. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday
7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the
examiner's supervisor, King Y. Poon can be reached on (571) 272-7440. The fax
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